

Thank you, Chair,

For many years, farmers from around the world have come together at the UN climate change negotiations asking for concrete actions to protect our ability to feed the world and preserve our way of life.

We are the custodians of the lands that give life to humanity. Our determination to protect this sacred resource is unwavering. Despite our diversity we have all committed to play a part in fighting climate change. But without international support, farmers cannot do it alone. As you work towards a new climate agreement in Paris later this year, we urge you to recognize that farmers are particularly vulnerable to climate change and agree on concrete actions to support our adaptation and mitigation efforts.

We are encouraged by the small steps we have seen in the negotiations but we still urge you to move with speed and to raise your level of ambition in reducing emissions. The challenge is enormous and equally colossal efforts are required to protect our future from the devastating effects of climate change.

Despite the many years of waiting, we continue to be clear in our wishes: we call for parties to agree on a new climate deal that outlines concrete actions and mechanisms for supporting farmers who otherwise face a bleak future.

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